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FROM Italy (Long) DATED Nov. 6, 1933

TO NAME 1-1127 gpo

REGARDING: Chief Executive- Italy. Resignation of Balbo as Minister of Aeronautics, and Sirianni, Minister of Marine. Mussolini assumes both Ministries with General Valle as Under Secretary for Air and Admiral Cavagnari as Under Secretary for Marine,

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Dated November 6, 1933

Rec'd. 11.55 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington

121, November 6, 1 p.m.

My despatch No.250, November 3rd.

Announcement has been made today of resignation of
Balbo, Minister Aeronautics, to be appointed Governor of
Libya, and of Sirianni, Minister of Marine, to be appointed
President of Cogne Steel Company. Mussolini assumes both
Ministries with General Valle as Under-Secretary for Air and
Admiral Cavagnari as Under-Secretary for Marine.

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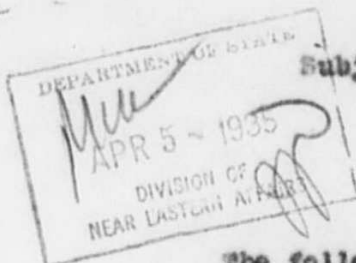
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ITALY (Political)

Subject: Relationship between Italy and Dependencies.

Corps General Rodolfo GRAZIANI appointed Governor of Somaliland.

The following is a communique issued on March 7, 1935, by the Under-Secretariat of Press and Propaganda:

"Upon proposal of the Head of the Government, H.M. the King has appointed Corps General Rodolfo GRAZIANI Governor of Somaliland and Commander of the troops. General Graziani landed at Mogadiscio (Somaliland) on March 7th, 1935, with the first units of the 29th Division ("Peloritana").

The Head of the Government has sent a telegram of deep appreciation for his work in the colony to the recalled Governor, Maurizio RAVA."

Text of the telegram sent by Mussolini to ex-Governor Maurizio RAVA:

"Due to the necessity of unity of command I have decided to entrust General Graziani also with the government of the colony. In my decision you must not see anything whatsoever which may imply that you have fallen in my estimation.

During these years you have governed Somaliland very well and have prepared the best conditions for further effort.

Upon your return to Italy I shall give you a tangible acknowledgement of appreciation for your accomplished duty."

NOTE:

The appointment of General GRAZIANI as Governor of Somaliland is quite natural in view of the necessity of unity of command. Under the possibility of extensive active operations, the presence of a civil Governor would have, perhaps, hampered the work of the Commandant of troops. From this it would appear that the major operation of ground troops against Abyssinia is to be initiated in Somalia.

J.G. PILLOW,
Colonel, Cavalry, U.S. Army,
Military Attache.

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FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Nov.3, 1937
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REGARDING: (Enclosing report of Oct.8, 1937, by Jay Walker, Cairo).
Governor of Libya.

Advises that Marshall Italo Balko, the present Governor General,
and the first to govern both Tripolitania and Cirenaicam as
the colony of Libya, is confining his main efforts toward making
Libya an efficient armed base.

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